

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Oct 6, 2022

Call to Order: 7:34 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Heidi Gorsica, Hospitality Chair; Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chair; Heather Song and Chris Page, Fundraising Chairs; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 18 others. Total in attendance: 27.

Past Events:

- Football Games (9/9, 9/23, 9/30) – all games ran smoothly
 - 9/9 Home football game (Community Night) – 8th grade students in MHS district were invited to perform. In the past, this event included dinner which allowed the students to interact. Due to Covid, the dinner portion of the event was skipped. Next year, dinner will be part of the event to encourage the student interaction. Considering asking middle school parents to volunteer to help coordinate
- Chicagoland Marching Band Festival (9/17) – Great performance from the students. In addition to performing, the students spent part of the day taking part in a clinic in which they received valuable feedback. This feedback, along with judges' scores, helps to identify strengths as well as areas for improvement for subsequent performances. Seeing the U of I marchers perform at the end of the evening was another highlight for the Marching Mustangs.

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Tracey Boone)

- Bank balances as of 10/1/22 statement
 - Escrow balance: \$19,404.46
 - Booster balance: \$39,153.57
- Sept Highlights
 - Amazon Smile: \$46.15
 - 2022 Senior Escrow transfer to Band Booster \$4,487.33
- Shadow: Sonja Kajohn
- Band Booster approved adjusting the fundraising percentages so that 100% of profits from fundraising will go to students' balance to assist with the expense related to Disney trip

Hospitality (Heidi Gorsica)

- Huge thank you to parents for donations and volunteers for their time at Hoco & CMBF!!
- Upcoming Events:
 - 10/22 - U of I band festival: The Boosters are planning to provide a meal to the students after their performance. The meal will consist of a Jimmy John's sandwich (options are available for anyone with dietary restrictions), chips, and fruit. Students are encouraged to bring nut-free snacks for the bus rides.
 - 11/2 – Jazz Bands Concert w/Guest Artist: Hersey HS Band will be joining the Jazz Bands at this event. The Boosters will coordinate dinner for this group of 50-60.

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Volunteers needed to help load and unload equipment for U of I band festival. A handful of bus chaperones will be needed as well.

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts)

- Going well; a reminder to the students to not run while wearing their uniforms to help keep them clean
- For the upcoming U of I band festival (10/22), looking for 10-15 volunteers to help with plumes and collect uniforms to go straight to storage after the performance at the festival
- Hats getting repaired as needed

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Some students still need to be fitted (the goal is to complete this during the week of 10/10)
- Request to order some size 28 pants (currently have kids that are wearing pants that are too large for them)
- Remaining jackets are sized 36, 42, 44+
- The suggestion was made that for next school year, send a Google form in Aug to collect students' sizes (include a guide on how to take measurements) so that any needed items can be ordered earlier, and orders can be received in time for Concert Band performances

Fundraising (Heather Song and Chris Page)

- \$175 came from the Luke's fundraiser (Luke's owner made a generous donation to bring the total to this amount)
- We're awaiting Turk's feedback on amount raised from the fundraiser with them
- In conversations with Hitz to secure a fundraiser in Oct
- New fundraiser will be available soon: Lou Malnati's – students sell orders for \$13 cards, \$5 of each card sold goes to the student
- Exploring Poinsettia fundraiser
- RaiseRight: ~20+ new families have signed up

Volunteers (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Sign-ups for U of I will be put together and sent to families

Band Parent Store (Jen Vincent)

- Approximately 50 orders were placed. Due to the success of this, it was suggested that the store be opened earlier next year and possibly make more designs available

Points of Interest

- Shadows needed/Open positions:
 - Volunteer Coordinator (Edgar) – Silvia Benassi interested
 - Marching Band Uniform Co-chair (Kristine)

Directors Updates (Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato)

- Go to Nellie's on Sun, 10/9 if possible, to see the Jazz Ensemble to perform (reservations encouraged)
- Jazz Ensemble invited to perform at 10/12 MHS staff meeting
- For U of I band festival, the plan is to arrive at U of I at around 12:00 pm. MHS performs at 2:00 pm and will be staying through 6A performances (last performance is scheduled to take place at 5:45 pm)

Upcoming Dates:

- Fri, 10/21 – Home Football Game
- Sat, 10/22 – U of I Band Festival

Meeting Adjourned – 8:33 pm

Next Meeting: Thur, 11/3/22